(*a*) the number of years that have elapsed since sanction for constructing a bridge at the western end of the Wadai canal near the Timber Depot was given ;

(*b*) the years in which provision was made for its construction in the Budget ; and

(*c*) the reasons why the work has not been begun till now (25-11-1106) ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The estimate for the bridge has not been sanctioned so far

(*b*) 1102 M. E.

(*c*) As two other bridges over the same canal which are more urgently required are under construction,

Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, B. A., the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools on leave ; and

(*b*) whether his juniors were given promotions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman commenced on the 1st Edavam 1089.

(*b*) No substantive promotions have been given to any of his juniors.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Poovar.

51. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the necessity for a bridge over the Neyyar at Poovar, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a long-standing public demand for the same ;

(*b*) whether the Road Board has considered or recommended the necessity for a bridge there ; and

(*c*) whether they have received any report from the Chief Engineer regarding the same ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether any action was taken either by the Government or by the Chief Engineer since the recommendation of the Road Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No, the Chief Engineer has promised to inspect the place at an early date and submit his report. The Road Board has given this bridge only the eleventh place in the list which brings to the notice of the Government the importance of the several works.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from the member whether Government will be pleased to call upon the Chief Engineer to submit his report ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Why, I do not think it necessary when the Chief Engineer has himself promised to do so.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu.

52. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Regarding the need for a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has submitted any report thereon ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will place the records on the table ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Chief Engineer has reported that the construction of the bridge is not urgent. No detailed investigation for the construction of the bridge has been conducted and report submitted.

(*b*) Since no detailed investigation has been carried out, the Government do not consider it necessary to place the records on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who was acting Chief Engineer had made a local inspection and submitted his report ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is nothing to show from the report in my hand that Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar submitted any such report. As far as I can see there was no such report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : But in reply to a question put by me on a former occasion, Government seem to have said that Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who was then acting as Chief Engineer had made a local inspection and submitted a report ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : In the report just now with me there is no information as to the name of the Chief Engineer who submitted that report. All I can say is that a report was sent by the then Chief Engineer to the effect that there was no necessity for the bridge at the site. I do not see from the papers that it was Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who submitted that report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the report which the member is in possession of, may I know from him whether it says that there is no necessity for a bridge there ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That was the report of the Chief Engineer before.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Was the report to the effect that there was no necessity, or was it to the effect that the bridge could wait?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was no necessity, because the trace is a *cul de sac* ending on one side of the river. It does not extend to the other side and the Chief Engineer was therefore of the opinion that there was no necessity for a bridge there.

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